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## General Comment

Virginia's rivers continue to show more and more polluted waters. Back in 1998, Virginia's WQA (Water Quality Assessment) showed 2,600 miles of polluted rivers in Virginia. Every WQA since then has added thousands more miles, until the latest report showing 12,100 miles of pollution.

And if we survey more rivers we will likely find more polluted. Our rivers are getting worse and it is not because we are just monitoring more rivers.

In addition to our rivers being polluted, so is the Chesapeake Bay, which receives all that river pollution. The Bay Report Card has shown failing grades now for over 25 years!

So the EPA's plan to clean up our rivers is greatly needed.

FORVA encourages the EPA to proceed full strength to force Virginia to respond to the needs of our citizens for clean water. Whatever sticks and carrots the EPA can muster, use them to best advantage to get our calculating governor to get with the program.

Regarding the EPA presentations done at the meetings around the bay watershed, we believe they could be much better. The visuals should include the Virginia WQA table showing the results over the past twelve years. The public needs to know that our rivers are getting more and more polluted.

Also, the Bay Report Card should be shown, since it also shows the continuing failure to clean up the bay. Without showing these two important elements, the public will assume that the rivers and bays of Virginia are getting better every day.

By including more supporting data, the case can be better made for the EPA plan.